

uplifting institutions are giving away money to attract attention to the giving, so as to detract attention from how they get it. We find them trying to get rid of the money as though it were a cancer.

How much better it would have been if all this money they are now giving away had been put into the pay envelopes of the men who helped to earn it.—H. C. Hollenzer, 1053 Keystone av.

**THE POLL TAX LAW.**—The ancient iniquity, the poll tax law, which was invented for the express purpose of impressing upon serfs their bondage to the owners of the soil upon which they lived, has been kindly extended by the last legislature to the inhabitants of Chicago. The working men and women, and the children also, should sit up and take notice of this change.

The poll tax will not be large, but it will, if not resisted, be the badge of submission to the slavery of working men and women to the lords of the soil.

The amount to be collected from the individual will be so small that it will not pay the expense of collection, but it is a notification to the poor and the disinherited that they must pay their little tribute to the people that own the earth.

There is but one just and equitable source of public revenue and that is the value of land, irrespective of improvements. Every other tax is a tax upon labor and the products of labor and tends to reduce the wages of labor and increase the expense of living. Workingmen and women should watch every move of legislators and of taxing bodies and fight every tax that does not square with righteousness, justice and equity. — Geo. V. Wells, 6050 South Park Av.

**THE MURPHY CASE AGAIN.**—I notice that some of your readers claim that Miss Murphy was discharged from her position as ass't

sup't of schools because she was Irish and that Mr. Loeb, a Jew, on the board of education took an active part in his dismissal. Now, there are only two Jewish members on the board, Messrs. Loeb and Lipsky. The latter did not vote at Miss Murphy's trial. Then ten Gentiles and one Jew ousted Miss Murphy, so it wasn't religion after all.

I wonder, anyway, what difference it makes to you dear reader whether Miss Murphy, Cohen or Sweitzer is ass't sup't of schools. It's a joke to waste time on such a subject, when there is the problem of raising wages and bettering working conditions up before us.—P. C.

**"MISSED A TREAT."** — Anyone who missed hearing Walsh, Mother Jones, Lord and Fitzpatrick speak at the Garrick Sunday missed a treat.

Walsh is one of the few public officials who are not afraid to do their duty. He spoke eloquently in behalf of John R. Lawson. Lawson's offense, it appears, was to let the public know how the mining companies had set up a government of their own in Colorado. Their control of the courts is a little bit of anarchy that the kept press doesn't say much about. Anarchy consists only of letting bombs lie around carelessly in respectable surroundings, you know. Mr. Walsh's address was the strongest indictment of our rotten judicial system that the public has ever heard.

Mother Jones surprised us with her physical vigor. Her unceasing efforts in behalf of union labor endears her to every working man. She stamped the average American worker as a moral coward, afraid to stand up for his rights. What she said about the union man who votes anti-labor judges into office made some ears ring. Every little while the kept press tells us who are the greatest American women. Somehow they overlook Mother Jones. She is greater than all the others combined.

Lord and Fitzpatrick pointed out